

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE HARTFORD PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

The USPS Processing and Distribution Center of Hartford, Connecticut

processes, codes, and distributes class 1, 2, and 3 letters and parcels. The facility was one of the first federal facilities to partner with the EPA in Star Track in 1998. The facility is also working with EPA's WasteWiSe program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Past Accomplishments

The USPS Hartford Processing and Distribution Center has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance in the area of waste reduction and hazardous materials use. Between 1992 and 2000, the facility:

- **Almost eliminated the generation of hazardous waste paint and solvent** by modifying processes for mailbox maintenance.
- **Eliminated the use of hazardous solvent** by modifying cleaning procedures so that sinks for washing parts were no longer needed.

Future Commitments

The Hartford facility also committed to continuous environmental improvement by aiming to reduce water use, air emissions, total solid waste, and increase recycling. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Reduce total water use** per square foot by approximately 10% through installing devices to conserve water and implementing water conservation practices.
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions** through increasing the total solid waste recycled per year by 13 percent. This reduces the greenhouse gases generated from the production of new paper stock.
- **Reduce total solid waste** by recycling 4.5% more corrugated cardboard per year.
- **Reduce the amount of virgin paper used** per year by 61% through replacing it with recycled-content paper.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The USPS Hartford Processing and Distribution Center addresses community concerns through its District Environmental Compliance Coordinator (DECC). The DECC responds to concerns by phone or

AT A GLANCE

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Business:	Processes, codes, and distributes class 1,2, and 3 letters and parcels.
Facility Employees:	2000
Accomplishments:	Almost eliminated hazardous waste Eliminated use of hazardous solvent
2003 Commitments:	Reduce water use Reduce greenhouse gas emissions Reduce total solid waste Reduce use of virgin paper
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mail. The USPS also provides the community with brochures on environmental issues, assists with educational programs and workshops given by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and invites community members to the facility for hands-on learning experiences.